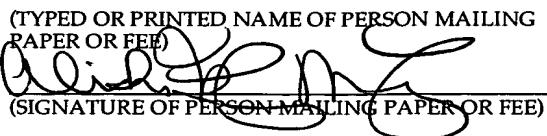




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REQUEST FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION,
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time in which to file an Appeal Brief, following the Notice of Appeal filed August 2, 2005. A check in the amount of \$905.00 is submitted herewith, including the \$510.00 small-entity fee for a three-month extension, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3).

The time to file an Appeal Brief now extending to January 3, 2006, Applicants hereby withdraw their Appeal and submit the following Amendments and Remarks in reply to the Final Office Action dated February 2, 2005. A

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Request for Continued Examination and the appropriate fee is submitted simultaneously herewith.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS begin on page 12; and

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